

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 28 – Dec. 1)**

The conference will be held in person in Atlanta, GA from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1 (Thursday to Lord's Day). We will provide zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English, Spanish, or Chinese.

Viewing Schedule:

Message 1: 10:00 AM Friday, Nov. 29, 2024
Message 2: 4:00 PM Friday, Nov. 29, 2024
Message 3: 7:30 PM Friday, Nov. 29, 2024
Message 4: 10:00 AM Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024
Message 5: 7:30 PM Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024
Message 6: 4:00 PM Lord's Day, Dec. 1, 2024

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84105535198?pwd=sZQvadDNSBiAGQ3PDU4cBSEH48jaRt.1>

Meeting ID: 841 0553 5198 **Passcode:** 2024

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,84105535198#

Alternatively, you can watch the conference at LSM Webcast site, www.lsmwebcast.com. Login credentials are not required to access the site. The videos of the messages will be available for free for a period of 30 days after the conference.

- **The 2024 December Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Registration for the 2024 December Semiannual Video Training still accepts registrations. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form:

<http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 **Passcode:** 3131

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The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints, from the youngest to the oldest, would be strengthened in their daily reading and enjoyment of the Word of God **2 Timothy 3:16-17** -- *All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.*
- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA (November 28-December 1)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His constant and all-inclusive care for the church in NYC and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel
 - b. The shepherding of all the saints and all the new ones
 - c. The strengthening of all the families and households in the church life
 - d. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The Lord's move in South America--Let us pray for the truth school teachers' training which concludes today in São Paulo, Brazil; more than 400 saints from all over South America gathered together for this training (the truth schools will be carried out in eight countries throughout South America in the early part of 2025)

- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. That a number of saints will receive the Lord's burden to serve in French-speaking Europe for one to three months to meet the urgent need for continued shepherding of the new ones contacted over the past several months
 - b. That many students, families, and mature saints will migrate to France within the next several years for the Lord's interest
 - c. The Autumn University Conference in Doncaster, UK this upcoming weekend
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2024 SPRING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - Being A Vessel Unto Honor, A Fully Equipped Man Of God, By Being Empowered In The Grace Which Is In Christ Jesus To Fully Accomplish Our Ministry In The Unique Ministry Of God's Economy

WEEK 7: The Lord Being with Our Spirit to Be Our Empowering Grace, Enabling Us to Minister the Healthy Teaching of God's Eternal Economy, Speaking with Healthy Words of the Grace of Life for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ

Portions from Days 5 & 6:

Second Timothy 2:1 and 2 say, "You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus; and the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also." Today we need to be empowered in grace, which is the processed Triune God given to us, or dispensed into us, for our enjoyment to commit the healthy words we have experienced to faithful men, who will be competent to teach the same healthy words to others also. We are to be empowered in this grace, not to do miracles but to commit the healthy words that we have enjoyed to faithful men to produce many competent teachers, whose speaking will inoculate the church against the decline. (CWWL, 1985, vol. 3, "Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles," pp. 548-549)

In our experience of the grace in God's economy, we carry out the stewardship of the grace of God entrusted by Him—dispensing the riches of Christ as the grace of God to His chosen people for the producing and building up of the church.

Not only the apostles as stewards dispensed grace into people, but we also, in our living, should speak words for building up and thus give grace to people [cf. Eph. 4:29]...In verse 28 Paul says that we should labor, working with our own hands in that which is respectable, that we may have something to share with him who has need. As Christians, we should have something in our living, both materially and spiritually, to minister to others. (CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 2, "The Law and Grace of God in His Economy," p. 314)

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 69*

MINISTRY READINGS

Being in the Holy Spirit Involving the Fellowship and Mingling of the Holy Spirit with Our Spirit

On the evening of His resurrection the Lord Jesus breathed into the disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22). The Lord Jesus used breath to represent the Holy Spirit. This is very meaningful. Although we can neither see nor touch air, we know that it has entered us because we feel inwardly relieved, refreshed, and comforted. In contrast, when there is insufficient air in a room, we feel stuffy and uncomfortable. This is a good illustration. This also applies to the Holy Spirit within us. When we are short of the Holy Spirit, we feel oppressed, bound, and constricted within, but when we fellowship with the Holy Spirit, we are immediately relieved and refreshed. This condition indicates that the Holy Spirit is within us and that He is mingled with our spirit. This proves that our spirit abides in God's Spirit and that His Spirit abides in our spirit. In other words, we are abiding in God, and God is abiding in us. This is absolutely a matter in the spirit.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 19: Exercising to Pray in the Holy Spirit (part 3)